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C. N. Haskins: "Note on certain selective integrals."

L. P. Eisenhart: "Ruled surfaces with isotropic generators."

J. W. Young: "On algebras defined by groups of transformations."

J. W. Young: "A generalization to 3-space and to  $n$ -space of the inversion geometry in a plane" (preliminary communication).

L. L. Silverman: "On absolute or unconditional summability."

L. L. Silverman: "Tests for Cesàro summability."

W. B. Fite: "Note on a collineation group in  $n$  variables."

L. P. Eisenhart: "Congruences of minimal lines in a four-space."

The Chicago Section of the society met at the University of Chicago on December 29-30. The next meeting of the society will be held at Columbia University on February 24.

F. N. COLE,  
Secretary

#### THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

THE American Philosophical Association held its eleventh annual meeting at Harvard University, Cambridge, on December 27, 28 and 29, 1911. The meeting was marked by an unusually large attendance and by keen interest in the proceedings. A majority of the papers read centered around two main subjects selected for discussion, the one on the relation of object and consciousness in sense perception, the other on evolution. The discussion of the first subject was characterized by a departure from the method of previous meetings. This year both the papers read and the subsequent discussion were based on a carefully prepared committee report, in which both tentative definitions and an analysis of the problem were made. While this method did not result in an agreement of any great extent, it served to clarify the problem and to bring to a sharper focus the various issues involved in it. The committee which prepared this report was continued and given power to select the problem for next year, to formulate the issues involved in it, and to arrange for the discussion. Three papers and the presidential address were read on the subject of evolution, and these as well as the other papers read received vigorous discussion. The association empowered the executive committee to arrange, if possible, some future meetings with other societies in order that joint sessions may be held to dis-

cuss such questions as that of mechanism and vitalism.

E. G. SPAULDING,  
Secretary

#### THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGISTS

THE 24th annual meeting of the American Association of Economic Entomologists was held in the new National Museum, Washington, December 27-29. The meeting was called to order on Wednesday afternoon, December 27, and after the routine business of opening the session was disposed of the annual address entitled "The Relation of the Economic Entomologist to His Environment" was delivered by the president, F. L. Washburn, state entomologist of Minnesota.

On the following day papers were read at morning and afternoon sessions, and on Friday morning, at the close of several interesting papers, the final business of the session was transacted and the meeting adjourned.

The report of the secretary showed that the membership of the association had increased slightly during the year of 1911, and at the meeting over forty new members were admitted. This makes the total membership of the association, exclusive of foreign members, more than three hundred, and the interest shown in the association, especially by the younger members, augurs well for its future success.

Among the more important business matters that were transacted was an arrangement whereby the official organ of the association, the *Journal of Economic Entomology*, will, in the future, be published by the association instead of by the publishing company, as heretofore. The present editorial board will serve for the coming year, with the exception of the business manager of the *Journal*, Professor E. D. Sanderson, Morgantown, West Virginia, who voluntarily retired. The management of the *Journal* has been placed in the hands of the secretary of the association.

The following officers were elected:

President—W. D. Hunter, Dallas, Texas.

First Vice-president—T. J. Headlee, Manhattan, Kansas.

Second Vice-president—R. A. Cooley, Bozeman, Montana.

Secretary—A. F. Burgess, Melrose Highlands, Mass.

A full account of the business transacted at the meeting together with the papers read with the discussions will be published in the *Journal of Economic Entomology*, the first number of which for the current year will be issued February 15.